to Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867, has directed that the matter may in the first instance be considered by Group of Ministers (GoM).

(c) Not yet.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Deputation status in **Prasar Bharati Corporation**

1081. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of lNFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed deemed deputation status to the employees working in the Prasar Bharati Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are planning not to absorb these employees in the Prasar Bharati Corporation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the time schedule for absorbing them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This was done to clarify the status of the Government servants in Prasar Bharati and to enable Prasar Bharati to exercise necessary powers of a borrowing authority.

(c) to (e) Prasar Bharati is in the process of finalisation of recruitment rules and service conditions of its employees, which will give the option to the employees for absorption, as per the provisions of Prasar Bharati Act, 1990.

Crime Based Programmes on DD new channels

†1082. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: WW the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards increasing broadcasting of Crime based programmes shown on news channels of Doordarshan; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.